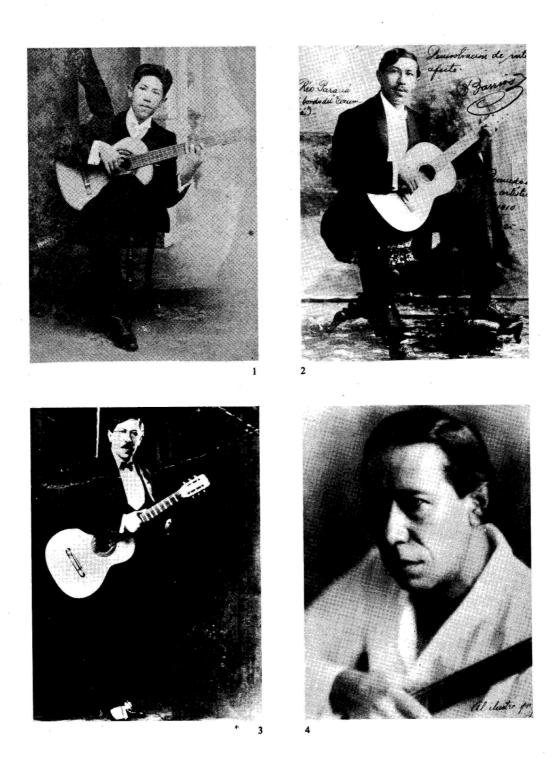
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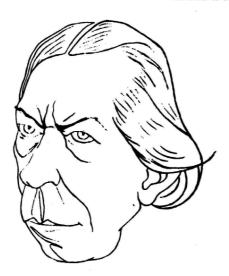
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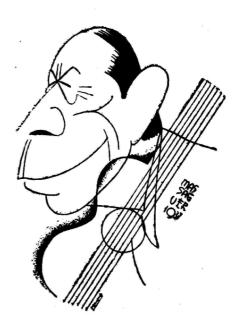


The 4 photos above continue, showing Barrios in the early 1930's (photo #1), also dressed in his Nitsuga Mangoré costume circa 1932 (#2). Photo #3 is 1935 and the last photo (#4) dates from about 1937.









These 4 caricatures were all done in the 1930's. The 2 on the right were by professional artists while the other two were drawings taken from a book that Barrios carried with him in which admirers could write dedications, draw pictures, etc. to express their admiration for him.

Variacion al Estudio No. 3





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Estudio

for Op. 38, Nr. 22

AGUSTÍN BARRIOS MANGORÉ for N. Coste

2nd Guitar













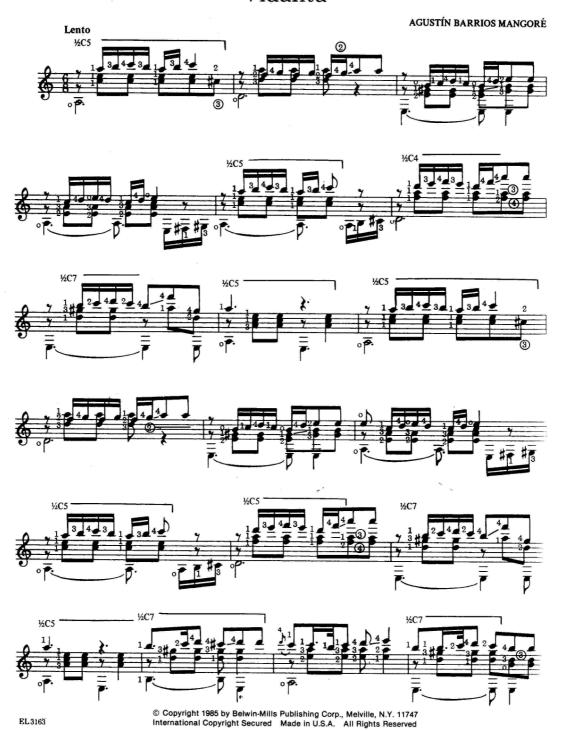


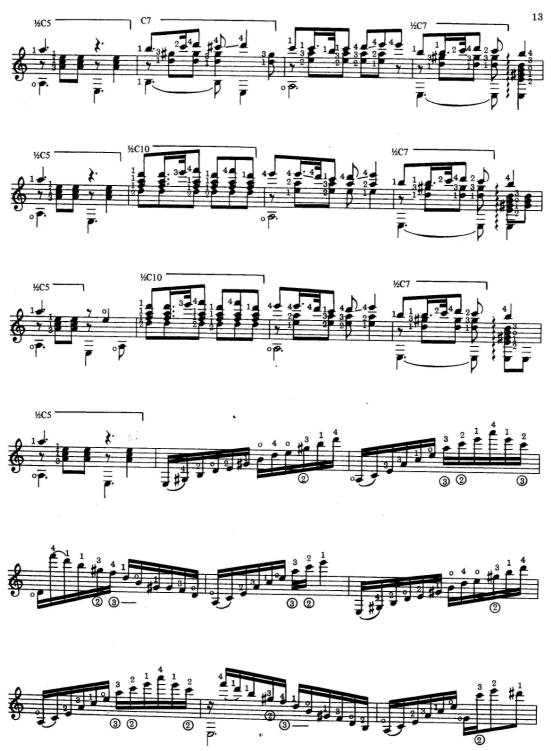




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Divagación

(en Imitacion al Violin)

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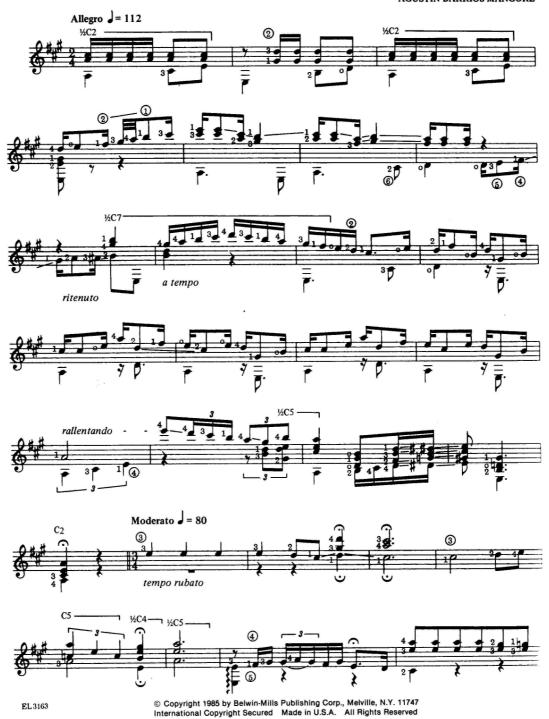






Armonias de America

AGUSTÍN BARRIOS MANGORÉ







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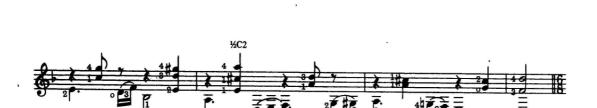
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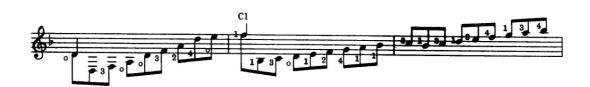


Capricho Espanol

AGUSTÍN BARRIOS MANGORÉ

























Estudio en Sol menor

AGUSTÍN BARRIOS MANGORÉ











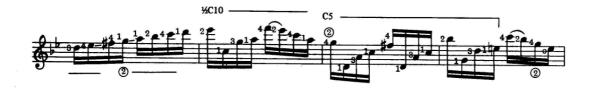








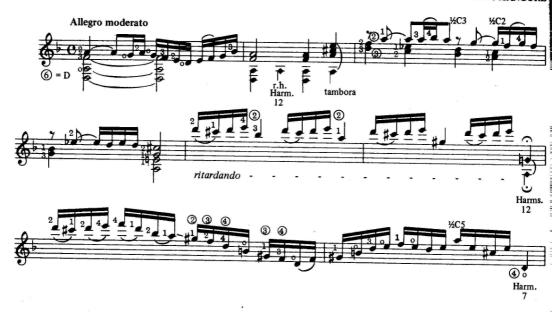






Serenata Morisca

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A mi madre

(Sonatina)

AGUSTÍN BARRIOS MANGORÉ







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Adagio from Sonata, Op. 27, No. 2

L. van Beethoven-



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Preludio No. 20

Fryderyk Chopin-AGUSTÍN BARRIOS MANGORÉ













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molto rit.

Träumerei



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BIOGRAPHY OF RICHARD D. STOVER

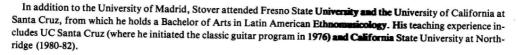
Richard Dwight Stover (b. 1945) grew up in California in a family of five children. He graduated from high school in Fresno, California. During this time he became interested in folk music and began playing banjo and guitar. His first experiences with the classic guitar were in the Central American nation of Costa Rica, where Stover resided during 1962 as an exchange student. Here he met Juan de Dios Trejos, a guitarist who had actually studied with Agustin Barrios Mangore in the early 1940's.

Trejos narrated the story of his "gran Maestro Barrios" at that time to Stover. Twelve years later would see Stover returning to Costa Rica as part of the research into the life and music of Barrios that has since resulted in the publication of over 90 works through Belwin-Mills.

Subsequent study of the classic guitar followed in California with Japanese guitarist Ako Ito (1965-66). In 1966 he went to Spain attending the University of Madrid studying Spanish literature. At this time he continued his study of the guitar with Jose Tomas in Santiago de Compostela and Jorge Fresno in Madrid.

From Spain he travelled to Argentina where he resided for 1 year, primarily in Buenos Aires. Here he discovered the world of guitar as it exists in South America. Returning to California he continued his and

exists in South America. Returning to California, he continued his studies of guitar with Manuel Lopez Ramos (1970), Jose Rey de la Torre (1971), Guy Horn (1973), Leo Brouwer (1978) and Jorge Morel (1981).



Mr. Stover now resides in Hawaii with his wife Rebecca and their two children Rachel and Robin. In constant demand as a performing guitarist, he works primarily in Hawaii with periodic trips to Japan, the Orient and mainland USA. He has been a featured artist at the Carmel Classic Guitar Festival (1977-78) as well as Guitar 78 in Toronto, Canada. Since 1972 he has presented guitar concerts featuring exclusively music of the Americas. He has given concerts and lectures throughout the USA, Mexico and Central America and has released an LP record entitled "Southern Exposure" on the El Maestro label.

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Agustín Barrios Mangoré (1885-1944)

Biography Of Agustín Barrios Mangoré

Agustín Pío Barrios (b. May 5, 1885, d. August 7, 1944) was the greatest virtuoso guitarist/composer of the first half of the present century. Born in the small town of San Juan Bautista de las Misiones in Paraguay into a large family which esteemed both music and literature, he began to play the guitar at a very early age. He received his primary education in a Jesuit school where he utilized his guitar in the study of harmony. His first formal instructor, Gustavo Sosa Escalda, introduced young Agustín to the Sor and Aguado methods, as well as pieces by Tárrega, Viñas, Arcás, and Pargá. By the age of 13 he was recognized as a prodigy and given a scholarship to the Colegio Nacional in Asunción where, in addition to music, he distinguished himself in mathematics, journalism and literature. He also studied calligraphy and was a talented graphic artist.

Barrios, a great lover of culture, was quoted as having said, "One cannot become a guitarist if he has not bathed in the fountain of culture." In addition to Spanish he also spoke Guarani, the native tongue of Paraguay. He read French, English and German and was keenly interested in philosophy, poetry and theosophy. He exercised daily and enjoyed working out on the high bar. He was warm, kind-hearted and spontaneous. Musically he was a tremendous improviser, and many stories are told of his completely spontaneous improvisations (many times in concert). His astounding creative facility enabled him to compose over 300 works for the guitar!

In his music we find truly inspired creativity combined with a total technical dominion of the guitar's harmonic capabilities. His knowledge of harmonic science enabled him to compose in several styles: baroque, classic, romantic and descriptive. He composed preludes, studies, suites, waltzes, mazurkas, tarantellas and romanzas, as well as many onomatopoetic works describing physical objects or historical/cultural themes. His most famous piece, Diana Guarani, reenacted the War of the Triple Alliance which took place in Paraguay in 1864, complete with cannons, horses, drums, marching, and explosions! He also played a good deal of popular music, many of his finest compositions based on the song and dance forms found throughout Iberoamérica (cueca, choro, estilo, maxixe, milonga, pericón, tango, zamba and zapateado).

In 1932 he began to bill himself as "Nitsuga Mangoré — the Pagannini of the Guitar from the Jungles of Paraguay." Nitsuga (Agustín spelled backwards) and Mangoré (a legendary Guaraní chieftain who resisted the Spanish conquest) were used by Barrios for several years, after which he dropped this pseudonym to become simply Agustín Barrios Mangoré.

In addition to Paraguay, Barrios lived in Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Venezuela, Costa Rica and El Salvador. In these countries, as well as Chile, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Panamá, Colombia, Cuba, Haití, Dominican Republic and Trinidad, he concertized continually from 1910 till his death. From 1934-'36 he was in Europe, playing in Belgium, Germany, Spain and England.

Perhaps over a hundred of his works still survive, either in manuscript or on the many 78 rpm records he made (over 30 records on 4 different labels). In addition to his own works, he played hundreds of other pieces, including all the standard works in the guitar repertoire up to that time (transcriptions of Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Albéniz, Granados, as well as works of Sor, Aguado, Giuliani, Costé, Tárrega, Tórroba and Turina).

One can appreciate in Barrios Mangoré a logical expansion of techniques defined by masters such as Sor and Tárrega, carried to an even higher level of expressiveness and technical expertise. The legacy of his genius is a priceless one for all lovers of the guitar.

Richard Stover

